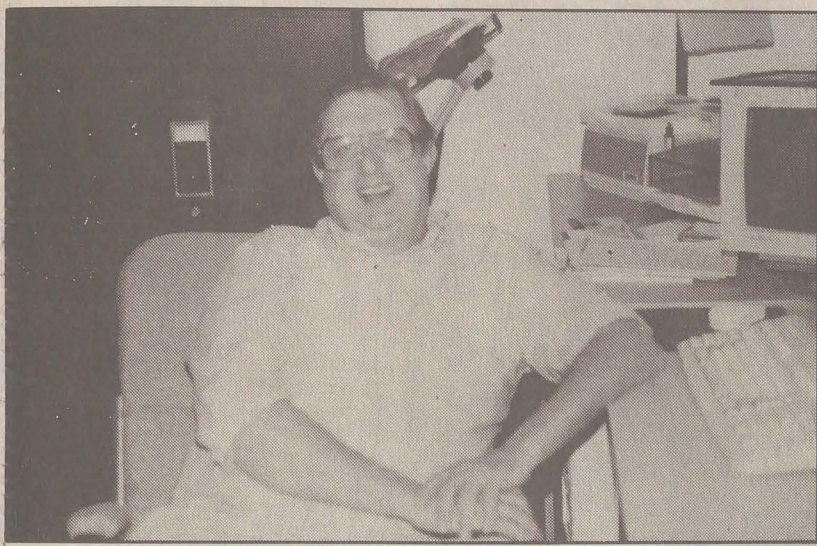


ACC staff decreases by six



David Dierking

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David Dierking, Business Department Chairperson, instructor, pilot, and actor will retire after 28 years at Alpena Community College.

Students who have Dierking as an instructor may not have detected his involvement in the arts, but he admits to having parts in a couple of plays and doing lighting at Alpena Civic Theatre.

He obtained a bachelors degree in Forestry Management from Purdue, and a masters degree from Central Michigan University.

Before moving to Alpena in 1968, Dierking was employed as a forester for three years at the Department of Conservation in Indiana. He also worked on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for five years.

He then moved to Alpena with Connie, his wife, and their two sons. In comparing the remoteness of Arizona to Alpena, Dierking said that when he walked into Kroger, he couldn't believe how big it was.

Connie retired last year from her teaching position at Alpena High School. The Dierkings visit their grown sons in Chicago and California.

Dierking came into ACC as a forestry instructor, but af-

ter eight years the program ended. There was some regret at seeing the forestry program die, Dierking said. But, according to him, when he started teaching Business and Computers, he was able to relax more. Dierking stated that he has mellowed through the years; he doesn't push his students as hard as he used to.

When asked what his greatest accomplishments as an instructor at ACC were, he said, "surviving." On a serious note, Dierking said he is very proud of the upgraded computer lab.

"It's a pretty nice lab," he stated. Also, he is very pleased with the part he had in the contract with the Faculty Council and the Board of Trustees.

Dierking said he has no vast plans for retirement, except to do some traveling. So far, he has his sights on Hawaii, Australia, and Nova Scotia. He also noted that he owns a plane and has been as far west as California and Oregon and as far south as Florida. "I want to be in a position that I can just get in the plane and go do something," commented Dierking.

When asked to comment about the future here at ACC, Dierking said it will continue to serve the population of northeast Michigan.

Richard E. Miles

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There's a chair at East Campus, in room 123, that doesn't get much use. That chair belongs to Richard Miles, who will retire this year after 27 years of service as an instructor here at Alpena Community College.

Where is Miles when he's not in his chair?

Some responsibilities that keep him out of his chair include being the women's softball "pitching coach," being responsible for running an entire health fitness program, teach-

ing classes such as first aid, giving students information about diet and exercise, and teaching golf.

Miles earned his first Masters Degree from Michigan State University in 1963.

Before coming to ACC. He worked at MSU as an intramural supervisor.

Following graduation from MSU, he was a physical education instructor at Godwin High School, near Grand Rapids, for about eight years.

He then moved on to an administrative job, for two years, in Chicago, he said, acting as an aquatics director, before finally arriving at ACC.

Miles earned a masters degree in exercise physiology in 1985 from Central Michigan University. He acquired this degree, he says, in less than a year, while on a sabbatical from ACC.

He gives a simple explanation for wanting to retire now. "I really want to do some things in my life that I can't do fully and teach. This is a good time for me to go in another direction."

He credited ACC with offering his family support over the years. "It's been a real nice place to work," he said. "I've really enjoyed it."

He holds ACC, as a community college institution, in

high regard. He described it as a place where students can get good quality instruction for the money they spend. ACC adequately prepares students who plan to transfer to four year universities, he added.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, on the home front, he has a son, Scott and a daughter, Denise. Scott has been activated from a Military Police reserve position in Detroit to Germany, from

where he may be sent to Bosnia. Miles expressed pride in Scott's commitment to fulfill his obligations. His daughter is working for Nissan of California.

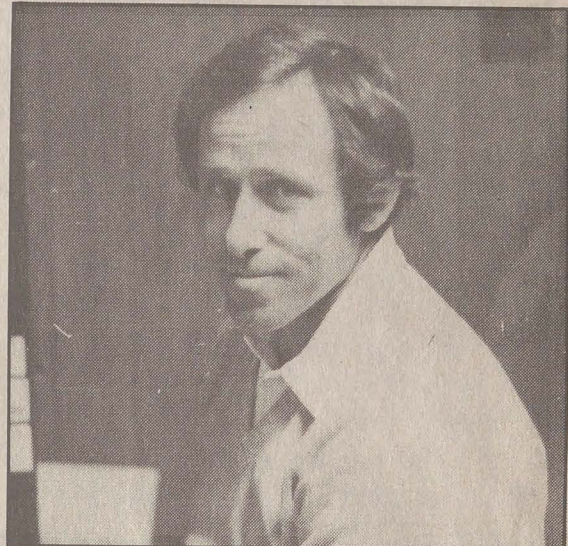
After retiring, Miles plans to do some traveling with his wife, Barb.

Other tentative plans for retirement include working a ski patrol and a golf ranger's job for the Schuss Mountain Shanty Creek resort. Also, he plans on moving to the western side of northern lower Michigan.

Miles worked with an employee of the local hospital to ensure that rehabilitating cardiac patients would have a place to continue their exercise

following hospital convalescence.

Vi Pashley, Cardiac rehabilitation Coordinator at Alpena General Hospital, said,



"I've always felt real comfortable working with Dick. He made the transition of taking our patients here into his program over there real easy."

She added, "Keep exercising, Dick. Stay healthy."

Dr. Curtis Davis, executive dean, commenting on Miles, said, "I certainly consider him a friend. He's certainly been real helpful to me on many occasions. I've gone to him several times for advice, suggestions. I really enjoyed my ten years of association with him."

He added: "Go do the things that you haven't had the opportunity to do. I'm sure you will be successful in whatever venture you take on."

Robert B. Wisener

After 23 years of teaching, Robert B. Wisener will be retiring from Alpena Community College.

Wisener has been a Business Management Instructor, who has taught many different business classes in the afternoons and evenings. He joined the Business Department in 1973.

"He has positively influenced a lot of people in the 23 years he has been here," said David Dierking, Business Department Chairperson.

"Mr. Wisener has been a credit to our program and I'm sorry to see him leave," Dierking added.

Janie Mouser

ACC bids Janie Mouser, Administrative Technician in Besser Tech, a fond farewell after seven years of service.

Mouser is moving to Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia to a great career advancement job.

"Janie did some real valuable behind the scenes work for the college within the business community," said Don MacMaster, Assistant Dean, Director of Workplace Partnership.

involvement in the facilities, because hands on training is the best way.

Scheufler has no real plans for his retirement. "He will be fishing somewhere," said Roy Smith, Utility Technical Instructor. Smith has worked with Scheufler this year and will be taking over the program.

"All my experiences were significant here and are all good memories; I would do it all over again and take the same route," said Scheufler.

Vernie Nethercut

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After 18 years of service, Vernie Nethercut of the Volunteer Center will be retiring from Alpena Community College's Center for Economic and Human Resource Development Department.

When the Volunteer Center began it had offices at east campus, where they stayed for ten or more years before moving to the Besser Tech. building.

"It was really nice for us to move over here to the main campus. It made us feel more like part of the college," said Nethercut.

The department used to be known as the Human Services Department, but changed the name when they moved into Besser Tech.

The Volunteer Center is one of only half a dozen in the United States that are directly associated with a college.

Most Volunteer Centers are run by United Way, or some other organization. Almost all colleges have student-run volunteer services, but at ACC they are a community service.

The Volunteer Center's staff places students, as well as people from the community, in volunteer service. That brings more people into the college.

One of their basic services is matching volunteers to local agencies and organizations. From the students to the people

of the local community, the center is there to assist volunteer services in Alpena.

Job placement is conducted through an interview process, so individuals are placed into a volunteer position according to their strengths.

Nethercut is quite noticeable on ACC's campus, as she is always ready with a bright smile and a cheerful word.

"Overall, I have loved my job, but I do not expect to miss it as much as I thought. The job has been quite hectic," Nethercut said.

Nethercut is chairperson on the Michigan Community Service Commission, which is designed to promote volunteers throughout the state. She will retire from that when her term ends in September.

On April 24, Nethercut received The Woman Of The Year award from the

Zonta Club of Alpena, a organization of business and professional women for volunteer service.

"The award could not have gone to a nicer person," said Dr. Newport, President of ACC.

"She is the most caring, compassionate person that I have worked with for the last 9 years," Newport concluded.

Nethercut started at ACC in November, 1977, and plans to retire on May 9, 1996. She is looking forward to writing her family's stories and she plans continue her bird watching hobby.

But what appeals to her the most is the fact that she will be free from deadlines, and can now take advantage of the good weather.

ACC will miss Vernie Nethercut, but the college wishes her all the best in her retirement.

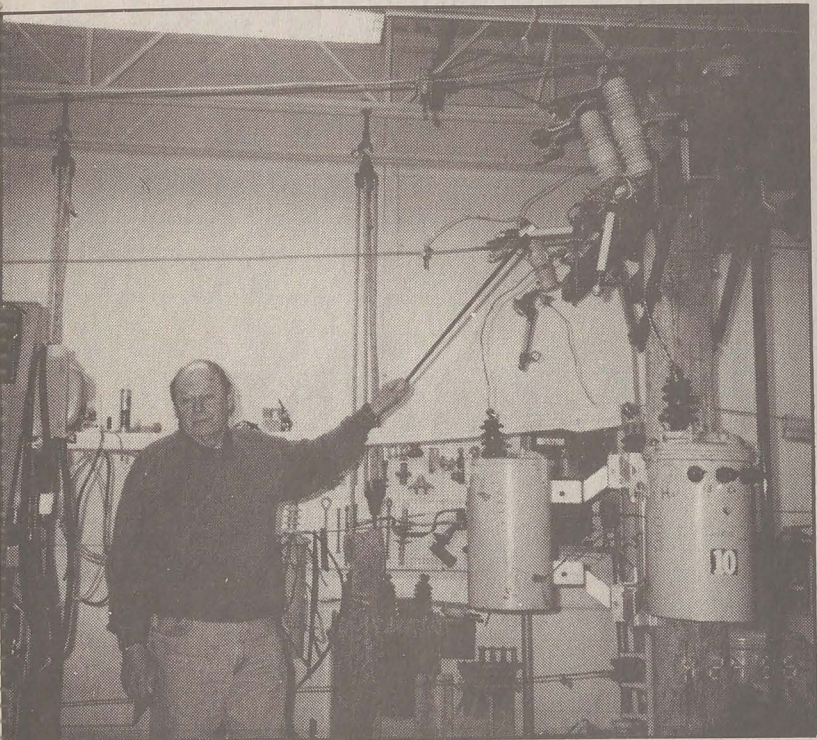


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Charles Scheufler

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Charlie Scheufler is retiring after 30 years of teaching at Alpena Community College. Scheufler developed and helped set up the Utility Technology, Electronic, and Apprentice programs.

"I can remember when the college began as a residential home and when Van Lare Hall and Besser Tech were built. I've seen it develop from a one room classroom to

what it is today," said Charlie Scheufler.

He has all good memories, some better than others, of his experiences here at ACC.

Education is a priority, commented Scheufler. "I've never turned down a millage and never will; without education there is no neighborhood. Education sets the tempo for any community," Scheufler continued.

Scheufler recommends an increase in industrial in-

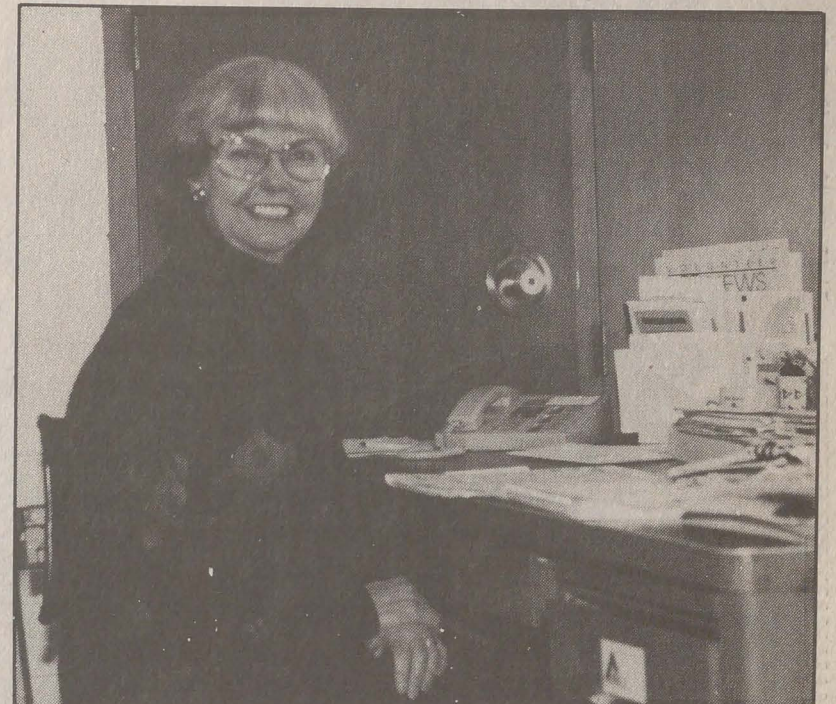


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